

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE  
79th ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA  
FALL INTERSCHOLASTIC CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

**Thursday, November 13, 2003**

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**IN COOPERATION WITH  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
AND  
COOK COLLEGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**

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STATE FFA SPECIALIST**



**Team Registration & Confirmations at the Round House  
College Farm Road  
Cook College Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903**

**9:30 AM**

**A. Attendance/Registration/Certification**

Students and teachers from all schools with agricultural education programs are encouraged to attend and participate in the educational activities provided. FFA activities are integral to Agricultural Education instruction.

All chapters attending the competition must preregister with payment by **Friday, October 24th** with Robin C. McLean, State FFA Specialist, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330, using the registration form provided. **Late preregistration will not be accepted.** Final registration and final payment to the **Treasurer, State of New Jersey** will be completed before starting competition at the Round House, 9:30 am on Thursday, November 13, 2003. If names cannot be preregistered, *please preregister with the school name*. A minimum of five teams is necessary to run any state Career Development Event.

Teachers are responsible for supervision of their students throughout the day and are expected to help conduct and proctor events. All students attending **must** participate in the Career Development Events provided. Provisions for observation will not be made.

**B. Career Development Events Fees**

A \$28.00 per team, or \$7.00 per person (maximum 4-team members) registration fee is assessed per contest for each school/chapter participating. A \$7 fee will be charged for all post-secondary members competing in the "Post-Secondary Division" along with \$5.00 annual membership dues (maximum of 4 post-secondary members may compete from each school in each event). Please pay this fee at the time of preregistration. Make checks payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey. The registration fees are used to pay event expenses, pay for proctors, and to provide awards. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If a contestant is found not to be a member, then his/her score will be dropped from the team score, thus causing contest teams to be re-ranked for recognition.

**C. Parking**

Observe parking regulations. Ample space is available in the conference parking area near the Food Science Building. This is near all scheduled activities. Parking along side of the road in the vicinity of the barns or Round House constitutes a traffic hazard. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT THE ROUND HOUSE!!**

**D. Schedule of Events**

Events will **START PROMPTLY at 10:00 am as SCHEDULED.** One teacher from each chapter/school will **pay registration fees** and confirm preregistrations for the teams at the Round House headquarters on College Farm Road **before 9:30 am.** If you will be arriving after 10:00 am, please discharge your students at the appropriate event areas, then **confirm your registrations, check in and pay the event fees immediately at the Round House. Failure to confirm registrations will risk team disqualification.**

1. Land Judging Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
Directions from the Round House will be given.
2. Dairy Foods Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Food Science Building.
3. Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Cook College Student Center, MPR A, B & C

4. Turf Management Career Development Event - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Turf Farm, Ryders Lane.

#### **E. Rules, Regulations and Awards**

1. The school/chapter with the lowest team score in the Dairy Foods Career Development Event (low score wins) will have the opportunity to represent the New Jersey FFA Association at the National FFA Career Development Event in Louisville, KY in October 2004 and Regional FFA Career Development Events in Springfield, Massachusetts in September 2004. Team members must be accompanied to events by advisor(s).
2. The school with the highest team score in the Land Judging Career Development Event will be authorized to compete at the National Land Judging Career Development Event in Oklahoma in May 2004.
3. A banner or plaque will be awarded to the first place team in each state level event at the annual State Convention.
4. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place individuals overall in each event and certificates will be awarded to the top five (5) students who excel in practical parts of the events.
5. A Career Development Event Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the New Jersey team that places the highest in National Competition. This includes all National FFA Events and Land Judging.
6. Only dues-paid members and chartered chapters may compete for awards and for further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters may participate, however, they are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates or banners. Registration fees may be higher for non-members to cover costs.
7. Contestants must be currently enrolled in an approved agricultural education course.
8. Students who have been members of a first place official team in a state event and have participated at the highest level for that event may not judge again in that particular event.
9. Official teams will be at the event locations at the starting time. Teams who arrive late will be disqualified by CDE Coordinator or will lose points and cannot make up areas missed. **All contestants' registrations must be confirmed by advisors on the day of the event.**
10. No individuals from the same school/chapter may talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be loss of score for that section of the event or disqualification for the event. Event chairperson has the authority to make disqualifications.
11. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner following the rules set forth by the event chairperson.
12. No school/chapter will use Cook College or Delaware Valley College for the training of teams. **Penalty will be disqualification.**
13. Four members may participate in each event; the score of the three highest constitutes the official team. The fourth member automatically becomes the team alternate. Some

National Career Development Events allow four members to compete. See National Career Development website for clarification, <http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/index.html>.

14. There will be no separate alternate teams.
15. Official results will be available to all chapters/schools via email and the state Ag Ed website. **DO NOT CALL THE STATE OFFICE FOR RESULTS.**
16. **A student may not compete in more than one event during FFA Career Development Events. A student cannot compete in more than one event at the National Competition each year. This includes public speaking, parliamentary procedure and all non-leadership team events.**
17. The National level competition fee of \$25 will be paid by the competing school.

#### **F. Proper Dress and Conduct at Career Development Events**

1. All Contestants will abide by the FFA Code of Ethics. This includes:
  - a. FFA jacket or a nametag with name, school and chapter worn in all FFA events.
  - b. Neat and safe clothing is required to promote a positive image for the FFA.
  - c. Outdoor events (e.g. Land Judging, Turf Management) will be held rain or shine. Please be prepared and dress accordingly for such weather conditions.
2. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be disqualified and asked to leave the event area.
3. Contestants should also be familiar with the proper use of the FFA jacket (i.e. members never smoke while wearing the FFA jacket). Advisors should review the Official Manual and/or Student Handbook with students regarding Code of Ethics, Official Dress, and proper use of the FFA jacket.
4. **The use of ANY tobacco product is not permitted at any FFA event including career development events.**

#### Refreshments

The schedule is continuous from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may bring lunch or plan to purchase lunch at the Cook College Student Center or at the Food Science Cafeteria.

#### Career Development Event Descriptions

##### **Land Judging Career Development Event**

Several classes of soil will be judged on the basis of soil profile characteristics, management, practices, and land use capability. Team members should have a pencil and pocketknife. There will be up to four sites. A copy of the scorecard and guidelines can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/stguide/state.htm>. (Documents 7.005 and 7.005a) NOTE: THIS EVENT WAS REVISED IN 1993 USING THE OKLAHOMA LAND JUDGING EVENT. Oklahoma Land Judging – [www.landjudging.com](http://www.landjudging.com).

**Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event**

The event includes: (1) identification of variety and (2) judging of five classes of apples and/or vegetables for uniformity, variety, color, freedom from blemish, trueness to variety, etc. A copy of the scorecard, lists, and guidelines can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/stguide/state.htm>. (Documents 7.002, 7.003 and 7.003a) Note: **These were revised as of 2000.**

**Turf Management Career Development Event**

This event has (4) four phases: Phase I - General Knowledge Exam; Phase II - Identification of Turf Species, Pests and Disorders; Phase III - Equipment Preparation, Maintenance, Problem Solving and Safety; Phase IV - Customer Relations, Problem Solving and Job Estimating. A copy of the event rules, procedures, scorecards, identification list, and summary can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/stguide/state.htm>. (Documents 7.001 and 7.001a)

**Dairy Foods Career Development Event**

This event will be conducted according to national rules and regulations. Information can be found on the National FFA website, <http://www.ffa.org/programs/cde/index.html>. Students should be prepared in all event sections, with the exception of milker units. A copy of the summary can be found in the state activity guide on the New Jersey Agricultural Education website, <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/stguide/state.htm>. (Document 12.001)

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT ASSIGNMENTS**

***Please report to event location early; your help is needed, especially to start the event. After the event has started your help is needed to score event papers.***

### **DAIRY FOODS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Food Science Building

David Petrenka - Career Development Event Official

John Grover - Career Development Event Manager

#### **Special Event Assistants**

Mrs. Cyndee Roszel

Mr. Keith Dannucci

Ms. Cynthia Anthes

Mr. Ed Karlsson

Ms. Jenelle Montilone

Ms. Carrie Schlechter

Mr. Michael Griffith

Mr. Frank Yesalavich

#### **Event Section**

Calif. Mastitis Test

Id of Cheese/Scoring

Written Test/Scoring

Problem Solving

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

### **FRUITS AND VEGETABLES CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Cook College Student Center MPR B&C

Mr. Bill Sciarappa - Career Development Event Official

Mrs. Nancy Trivette - Career Development Event Manager

#### **Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Dennis Kucharewski

Ms. Linda Campbell

Mr. John Gilchrist

Ms. Bonnie Baldasare

Mr. Brian Eitner

Mrs. Cindy Von Thun

Mr. John Petronglo

#### **Event Section**

Apple Judging Scorer

Apple Judging

Identification Scorer

Apple Judging Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

### **LAND JUDGING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Round House, College Farm Road

Mr. Chris Smith - Career Development Event Official

Mr. Jack Roszel - Career Development Event Manager

#### **Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Dave Ritter

Mrs. Nichol Carroll

Mr. Brian Martin

Ms. Paulette Nyiri

Mr. Bryan Leh

Mr. John Morrow

Mrs. Cheryl Lowe

Ms. Jennifeur Wilson

Mr. Ray Konrady

#### **Event Sections**

Group Leader

Group Leader

Group Leader

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

**TURF MANAGEMENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Turf Farm, Ryders Lane

Mr. Bill Dickson - Career Development Event Official

Dr. Richard Hurley - Career Development Event Official

Mr. Bill Taylor - Career Development Event Proctor

Ms. Robin C. McLean – Career Development Event Manager

**Special Event Assistants**

Mr. Bryan Burns

Mr. Dave Pede

Ms. Catherine Bell

Mr. Paul Stanziale

Mr. Mike Hlubik

Mr. John Neyhart

Ms. Heather White

Mr. Joel Rudderow

**Event Sections**

Identification

Scorer

Scorer

Scorer

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